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SUBSTANCE IN LIQUID PHASE INTO PLASTICS GRANULES

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Sir:

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1. Application - 47 pages, including 2 independent claims and 44 claims total (as amended).
2. Copy of cover page of International Publication No. WO 00/38895 with Abstract of the Disclosure.

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- 3 Preliminary Amendment.
- 4 Drawings - 8 sheets of formal drawings containing 11 figures.
- 5 Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with documents attached.
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